

COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT

City of League City
Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

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CURRENT SITUATION

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact League City. This weekly situation report will provide information about the current status of COVID-19 in the city and its impact to the organization.

The current Omicron variant resulted in a substantial increase in the number of cases since it was first detected in our region in December 2021. Human Resources continues to track the number of suspected and positive cases among City employees to assist with testing and recommendations for isolation or quarantine (see case data below).

City Manager John Baumgartner has provided the following guidance to all City employees:

"I encourage that all employees wear masks when unable to socially distance themselves from others at work to protect their health and safety and consider the following where possible.

- Limit in-person meetings held between staff. Meetings with more than two staff members are encouraged to be held by phone or by Zoom/Teams when possible.
- Conduct business with the citizens by phone or online, when possible.
- City travel to conferences and training classes is suspended unless such attendance is required and is the "only option available" to maintain active professional licenses or certifications. If training can be obtained online or delayed until this surge is past please look at those options. This directive will on the suspension of travel will expire on February 28. Any exceptions to suspension of City travel must be approved by the City Manager.

In addition, I have authorized all Department Directors to exercise their judgement as to safety protocols specific to the unique conditions and operational practices of their Departments and Divisions. This includes allowing certain employees to telecommute, altering shift change times, reducing the number of crew members traveling together in the same vehicle, the wearing of specific safety gear when working within active wastewater process areas, and so on."

Employee Case Data (Friday 1/14/22 - Thursday 1/20/22)

Total Suspected Cases:	31
Total Positive Cases:	13
Total Negative Cases:	5
Total Pending Test Results:	13
Total Employees Utilizing COVID Sick Time:	24

Community Lifelines

Lifelines are the most fundamental services in the community that, when stabilized, enable all other aspects of society to function. Monitoring the status of community lifelines allows us to communicate incident impacts and prioritize efforts to stabilize the lifelines during incident response. Currently, the Health and Medical Lifeline is in the continuous process of stabilization due to the ongoing disruption to normal operations as a result of COVID-19.



CITYWIDE CASE COUNTS

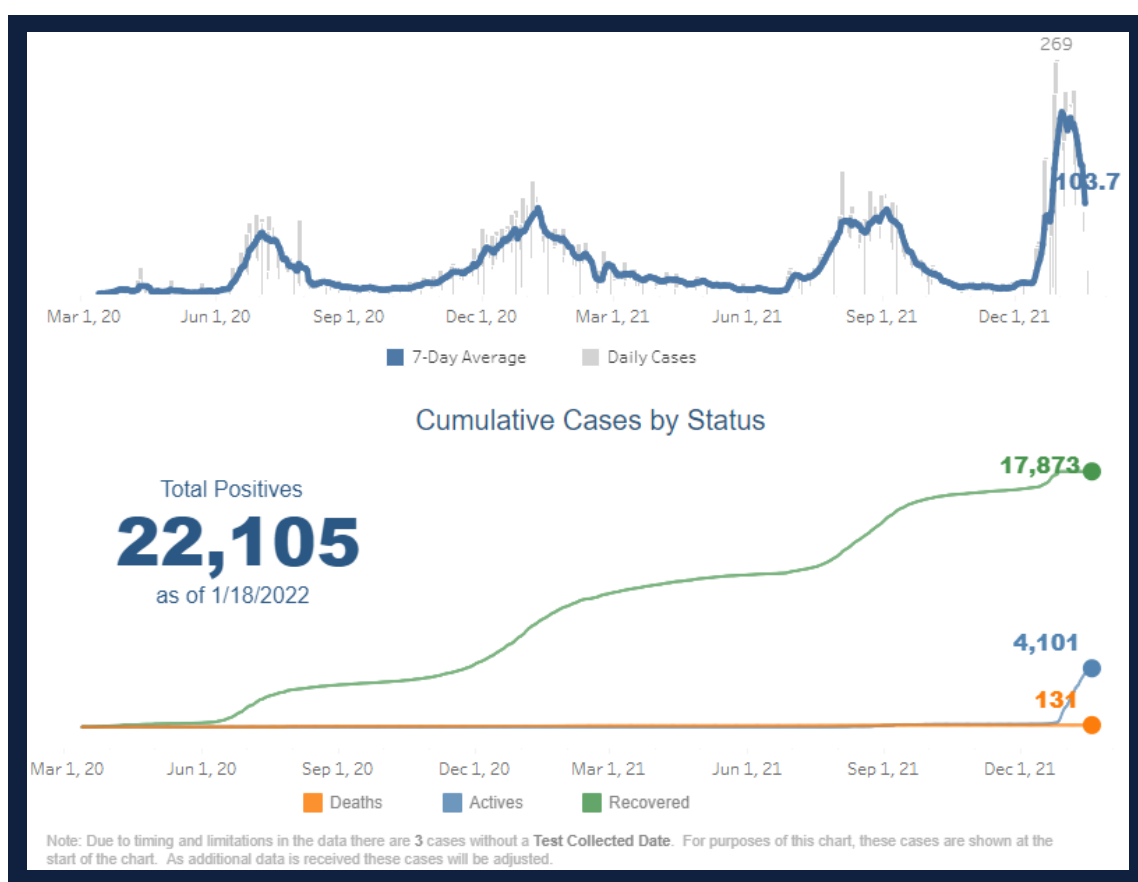
This week, the number of active cases in League City increased by 482. The number of confirmed cases in the table below represents the total number of cases in League City since the beginning of the pandemic.

The total daily case counts continue to decline throughout the region, as seen in the graphs below for both Galveston and Harris Counties.

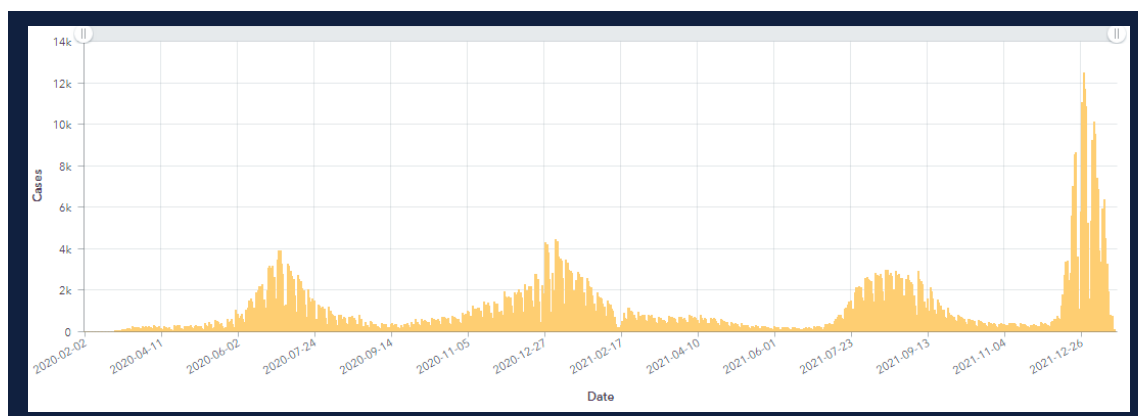
Case Data for League City: Galveston and Harris County Combined

Total Active Cases as of 1-20-22:	4,108
Total Confirmed Cases as of 1-20-22:	22,248
Total Deaths as of 1-20-22:	Approximately 131

League City COVID-19 Trends in Galveston County (Daily Positives and 7-Day Trend)



Total Reported Cases in Harris County (Harris County Public Health & Houston Health Department)



WHEN TO STAY HOME - QUARANTINE

Calculating Quarantine: The date of your exposure is considered day 0. Day 1 is the first full day after your last contact with a person who had had COVID-19. Stay home and away from other people for at least 5 days.

IF YOU were exposed to COVID-19 and are NOT up-to-date on COVID-19 vaccinations (unvaccinated or vaccinated more than 5 months ago)

Quarantine for at least 5 days

- Stay home and quarantine for at least 5 full days.
- Wear a well-fitted mask if you must be around others in your home.
- Even if you don't develop symptoms, get tested at least 5 days after you last had close contact with someone with COVID-19.

After quarantine

- Watch for symptoms until 10 days after you last had close contact with someone with COVID-19.
- If you develop symptoms: Isolate immediately and get tested. Continue to stay home until you know the results. Wear a well-fitted mask around others.

Take precautions until day 10

- Wear a well-fitted mask for 10 full days any time you are around others inside your home or in public. Do not go to places where you are unable to wear a mask.
- Avoid travel
- Avoid being around people who are at high risk

IF YOU were exposed to COVID-19 and are up-to-date on COVID-19 vaccinations (vaccinated or boosted within the last 5 months)

No quarantine

- You do not need to stay home unless you develop symptoms.
- Get Tested: Even if you don't develop symptoms, get tested at least 5 days after you last had close contact with someone with COVID-19.

Watch for symptoms

- Watch for symptoms until 10 days after you last had close contact with someone with COVID-19.
- If you develop symptoms: Isolate immediately and get tested. Continue to stay home until you know the results. Wear a well-fitted mask around others.

Take precautions until day 10

- Wear a well-fitted mask for 10 full days any time you are around others inside your home or in public. Do not go to places where you are unable to wear a mask.
- Avoid travel
- Avoid being around people who are at high risk

IF YOU were exposed to COVID-19 and had confirmed COVID-19 within the past 90 days (you tested positive using a viral test)

No quarantine

- You do not need to stay home unless you develop symptoms.

Watch for symptoms

- Watch for symptoms until 10 days after you last had close contact with someone with COVID-19.
- If you develop symptoms: Isolate immediately and get tested. Continue to stay home until you know the results. Wear a well-fitted mask around others.

Take precautions until day 10

- Wear a well-fitted mask for 10 full days any time you are around others inside your home or in public. Do not go to places where you are unable to wear a mask.
- Avoid travel
- Avoid being around people who are at high risk

WHEN TO STAY HOME - ISOLATION

Calculating Isolation: Day 0 is your first day of symptoms or a positive viral test. Day 1 is the first full day after your symptoms developed or your test specimen was collected. If you have COVID-19 or have symptoms, isolate for at least 5 days.

IF YOU tested positive for COVID-19 or have symptoms, regardless of vaccination status

Stay home for at least 5 days

- Stay home for 5 days and isolate from others in your home.
- Wear a well-fitted mask if you must be around others in your home.

Ending isolation if you had symptoms

- End isolation after 5 full days if you are fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication) and your symptoms are improving.
- If you did not have symptoms, end isolation after at least 5 full days after your positive test.
- If you were severely ill with COVID-19, you should isolate for at least 10 days. Consult your doctor before ending isolation.

Take precautions until day 10

- Wear a well-fitted mask for 10 full days any time you are around others inside your home or in public. Do not go to places where you are unable to wear a mask.
- Avoid travel
- Avoid being around people who are at high risk

For more information on CDC guidance for COVID-19, visit the CDC [website](#)

On January 21, 2022, Human Resources emailed the following guidance to City employees regarding the availability of COVID-19 test kits.

Employees enrolled in City medical insurance are eligible to purchase over the counter COVID test kits and file a claim form directly to Express Scripts for reimbursement. The claim form can be requested for Human Resources.

- COVID-19 test kits will not process at point of sale. Members will pay cash and submit a direct member reimbursement (DMR) claim to Express Scripts for reimbursement.
- Express Scripts is actively working towards a point-of-sale solution to allow claims to adjudicate at a \$0 cost share with a \$12 cost cap. More information to come.
- Members will be limited to eight (8) tests per rolling 30 days. If a member attempts to fill more than 8 eight tests per 30 days, the subsequent fills will not be covered.
- No prior authorization or attesting to COVID Symptoms required for coverage.
- The COVID-19 OTC test kits are available through the Express Scripts retail pharmacy in-network pharmacies.
- Test kits purchased at non-pharmacy locations, such as Home Depot or Amazon are not reimbursable under Express Scripts.

Please reach out to RxBenefits with any questions at 1-800-334-8134.

Several vaccines have been authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for use in the United States. The effectiveness of the vaccine against the Omicron variant continues to be evaluated.

- **Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine:** This vaccine is authorized for emergency use in persons aged 12 years and older. This vaccine requires two doses given 21 days apart. Clinical trial data shows that the vaccine is 95 percent effective at preventing COVID-19 infection starting seven days after the second dose. Individuals will not be considered fully protected until one to two weeks after they receive the second dose. Find more information on the CDC's website.
- **Moderna COVID-19 vaccine:** This vaccine is authorized for emergency use in persons aged 18 years and older. This vaccine requires two doses given 28 days apart. Clinical trial data shows the vaccine is about 94 percent effective after the second dose. Find more information on the CDC's website.
- **Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine:** This vaccine is authorized for emergency use in persons aged 18 years and older. This vaccine only requires one dose unlike other options which require 2 consecutive doses. Clinical trial data shows that this vaccine is about 72 percent effective in preventing mild and moderate COVID-19 infections and 85 percent effective at preventing severe disease. It was also found 100% effective in preventing COVID-19 hospitalization and deaths.

Galveston County Booster and Vaccine Clinic

COVID-19 booster and vaccine clinic hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. with extended hours until 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Appointments are strongly encouraged to reduce wait times. The clinic is held indoors at 9850-B Emmett F. Lowry Expy., Texas City. Please enter through entrance B.

To schedule your appointment, call 409.938.7221, option 1 for assistance, or visit [Galveston County Vaccination Clinic](#)

Harris County Public Health Vaccine Information

Harris County Public Health (HCPH) is providing vaccinations for FREE and in multiple locations across Harris County. Booster doses are now available.

[Click here](#) to register for a vaccine through HCPH or call 832-927-8787.

[Click here](#) to view the Local Providers Map.